

# ON THE FIRING LINE

Say, you fellows!

What about that fifty thousand subscribers by January first?

If we can roll up that number by that time, there's a surprise in store for the faithful.

The circulation man has a straight tip from The Menace publisher that if the bunch rallies good and strong during the next few weeks, and the list reaches fifty thousand by the first of the year, that a perfecting press will be forthcoming.

Do you know what that means?

It means twelve thousand papers an hour instead of eight thousand a day.

It means that the forms of the paper will be stereotyped and preserved, and that we can furnish back numbers in any quantity at any time.

It means that we will be equal to any emergency and able to take care of a paper with a million circulation weekly, and that the paper will be bigger and better in every respect.

Is this worth striving for?

I think it is, and I believe you think so.

If you do, show faith by works—let the sub come as they never come before—and let us start the new year of 1923 with an asset that will make our feeling sure, and let us make it the most momentous one of our lives so far as the battle for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is concerned.

Get in the harness and show your strength.

Get on the Firing Line with a Menace subscription blank, and let us know the result at once.

Dare to be Daniel!

Dare to stand alone!

Dare to have a purpose!

Dare to make it known!

Chesler, Ark.—"Keep up your work, for I don't think we could do for a better cause."

Elm Creek, Neb.—"Let the good work go on, you are all right. This will be a great fight."

Bedford, Ia.—"I consider The Menace is just what we need. Keep the good work going."

North McGregor, Ia.—"Your brave little paper is doing good work, keep it up and don't get discouraged."

Arlington Hts., Mass.—"A friend gave me a copy of The Menace yesterday the first I've ever seen; I think it's great."

Magnett, Mo.—"You have got the best running sheet it to them. I hope that the paper will be banished from American soil."

Corine, Utah.—"You are surely doing a great work. I read every word and then send my paper to some friend, always a different one."

Wall, Pa.—"I think The Menace is a great paper and I think it is time all civilized people were getting together to down the papal beast."

Duquesne, Pa.—"I am a reader of The Menace and think it the best paper on earth, you are hitting the fast eastern square in the teeth alright."

Salem, Mass.—"I received The Menace about three weeks ago, and find that it filled a long-felt want. I will do all I can to increase the circulation."

Hayes, Pa.—"A few weeks ago I was handed a copy of your noble paper and it surely hits the mark. It is a paper that I would like to have seen started long ago."

Wilkesboro, Pa.—"Your paper has done a great work around here. We have been able to conquer every Mick in almost every office they were running for."

Calumet, Mich.—"The paper is a hummer and many people read the one I receive. I wish you loads of success, for you are doing great work and opening the eyes of many."

Ellisville, Miss.—"The Menace is a hummer. Give it to them. I was raised in the Catholic church, but thank God I have learned different, for my eyes have been opened."

Waterloo, Ia.—"I shall always feel grateful to the unknown soldier who sent me The Menace. I want on the firing line for good, and I am proud to think of you as being my friend."

Ford City, Pa.—"I have received three issues of The Menace and I confess it is better than a galling gun to fight the enemy with. No. 23 is certainly a boomerang for the Roman Catholics."

Covert, Mich.—"I have been on the trail of this Roman serpent of liberty for some time and am glad to see a paper like The Menace come to the rescue of American liberties. Keep the light going."

Louisville, Ky.—"One of your magnificent papers fell into my hands a short while ago, and I am glad to see one newspaper published in America that can speak its sentiments."

Philadelphia, Pa.—"I am a former member of the Roman Catholic church, but have shaken off the yoke of superstition and can assure you you have the sympathy of many sincere Catholic people."

St. Louis, Mo.—"The Menace is doing a great work, but it is mild compared to the almost unbelievable but undisputed things told by experts and escaped aunts of the secret work of the Roman Catholic church."

Crawford, Kan.—"We are still with you against the awful plague of the age. I have watched their steady growth in power for over 25 years. May God help you fight on until the last vestige of Catholicism is driven from our fair land."

Dayton, Ia.—"I am a letter carrier in Dayton and several weeks ago my attention was called to The

Menace by a cartoon which I noticed. I must confess to looking at the paper ever since that day when I looked it over more thoroughly and find it is just the paper I am looking for."

North Braddock, Pa.—"I happened to drop into a friend's house the other night and there was your paper, The Menace. I read it and found it to be something that was needed, so I borrowed it, now it is nearly late abroad as it has gone through a lot of hands these last three days, and will be on the go."

McKeesport, Pa.—"We readers of your paper know that every time The Menace is true, which alone will give it the largest circulation of any paper published, for it's time now that the bull shall be taken by the horns and every true citizen who wants a country where liberty shall reign shall be on the staff of the Menace, Catholics. So to it, and you will find a large army of supporters."

Abbeville, S. C.—"We will try and help you get your paper circulated throughout this country, and we realize the good it will do. I was a Catholic myself, and got married out of the church, and was wonderfully told lots of things which I will do at some later date. They do not consider me a married man in their eyes, you know, and do all they can to try and keep me down, but I got these better than ever."

West Allis, Wis.—"Some time ago I had 100 copies of The Menace sent to a town in Michigan. Well, I tell you that 100 copies has caused a lot of trouble in that town. My name seems to be in everybody's mouth now, and a large number of Roman Catholics have told people in that town that I had better be careful or they would fix me. My brothers and sisters are afraid the 'Black Hand' will get rid of me."

Kingsville, Tex.—"I must congratulate you on the excellent paper you are getting out. It sure is an eye-opener; it ought to go into every home in the United States. There is no doubt that the Roman hierarchy is more of a political institution, seeking union of church and state, more than anything else. Every one who has read a little history, providing he has brains enough to grasp a glimpse, knows that state religion is a curse to any nation. On with the battle."

Colorado Springs, Colo.—"I have more respect for a rattlesnake than I have for the head of the Catholic church and most of its followers, although there are some Catholic subjects that are so ignorant they don't know what Catholicism consists of, but that does not excuse any of them, or any one else. Anybody who can read can learn what Catholicism is, and we Americans, supposed to be the great nation of the world, let the vipers come right in among us after being practically driven from other countries. I truly hope that the people of the United States will take this matter seriously before it is too late. Every Protestant ought to know by this time that Catholicism does all in its power to gain its ends, and will do all in its power to put Protestants out of business, not stopping at anything. I urge every American Protestant to support The Menace, for it is dealing with the most serious question of the United States today."

—A. F. MURDOCK.

THE BIG TWELVE

Yes, more than twelve. We have side-tracked the Big Twelve to tell our workers on the Firing Line about something more important. The circulation man has just made a perusal of the whole list, and while things look mighty good, as a whole, there are thirty-six cities in the United States, of over twenty-five thousand population, which are not reached by The Menace—not a single copy is now being sent to these towns. It has been said that "by their fruits ye shall know them," but we are not prepared to say whether the adage is applicable to this instance or not. At any rate we are going to publish the names of these towns and get it up to the army on the Firing Line to break dirt in these places. Here are the names:

Norwich, Conn.; Clifford and Council Bluffs, Iowa; Deering and Lewiston, Maine; Chelsea, Chicopee, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Newton, Quincy and Taunton, Mass.; Lincoln, Neb.; has one bare subscriber (somebody help Lincoln!); Manchester, N. H.; Amsterdam, Auburn, Elmira, Hempstead and Kingston, N. Y.; Wilmington, N. C.; Akron, O.; Allentown, Scranton, Shenandoah, Wilkes Barre and York, Pa.; Newport, Pawtucket, Warwick and Woonsocket, Rhode Island; Charleston and Columbia, S. C.; Ogden, Utah; Lynchburg, Va.; and Racine, Wis.

The fact that The Menace has a list in every city in the United States of over 35 thousand population except those enumerated above, speaks well for it, indeed, but we should have a list in ALL such cities, to say nothing of the thousands of small towns, villages and rural postoffices. The sooner we permeate every nook and corner of the nation the better it will be, for then we can talk to the whole people and make our influence felt against the greatest enemy a free people ever encountered.

Surely there is some method by which we can break into this uncultivated territory. If you have relatives or friends in any of these places let us have their names and addresses and we will send them sample copies. If you have intimate friends there you can secure telephone directories and other lists which will enable us to reach them. All that is needed is to send the list broken. The Menace will do the rest on its merits. Get busy and see what you can do along this line.

MENACE SAMPLE COPY RATES

50 Copies to one address..... \$ .25  
100 Copies to one address..... \$ .50  
250 Copies to one address..... \$ 1.25  
500 Copies to one address..... \$ 2.50

# ANNE ASKEW, MARTYR

By REV. E. E. COLMAN

The illustration here used is from an old and rare engraving, and is one of the illustrations formerly used by Roman Catholics in the punishment of "heretics" or those who held to other than the Catholic religion. This process is known as burning at the wheel, and is without doubt the method employed by the "Holy Inquisition" to extinguish the life of the poor victim described in this story.



There is no use for Catholics to deny that the Inquisition is part of their doctrine and was promoted by the church, for The Menace is in possession of a copy of "The Catholic Encyclopedia," a book written by the church prelates and used as a book of Catholic doctrine, instruction and devotion. It is an immense volume and on page 255 we find the following statement: "The Holy Inquisition was first erected by Paul III. (1543), and remodeled by Sixtus V. about forty years later." "This supreme court of Inquisition proceeds against any who are delinquent to it, and in former times used to hear appeals from the sentences of similar courts elsewhere, and to dispute legists where, and to any place where they might appear to be needed. The duties and powers of inquisitors are minutely laid down in the canon law, it being always assumed that the civil power will favor, or be compelled to favor their proceedings. Thus it is laid down that they have power to constrain all magistrates, even secular magistrates, to cause the statutes against heretics to be observed, and to require them to swear to do so, also that they can compel all magistrates and judges to execute their sentences, and these must obey on pain of excommunication; also that inquisitors in cases of heresy can use the secular arm, and that all temporal rulers are bound to obey inquisitors in causes of faith."

Of the early life of the subject of our sketch very little is known except that she was of gentle birth, her father being Sir William Askew of Kelsey, Lincolnshire, England. In a family of two sons and three daughters, Anne was the second daughter, and at the age of about 21 years was commanded by her father to marry a certain Thomas Kyme, a bigoted Catholic, and a man altogether out of sympathy with the spiritual ideas of his young wife. Anne was an earnest student of the Holy Scriptures. As such she speedily aroused the anger of her husband who bitterly persecuted her, so that at last it became necessary for her to make her choice between her faith and her home. Either she must give up her faith and her Bible, or else she must give up her husband, her children and her home. With undimmed devotion to her Savior she decided to remain loyal to Him. This aroused the bitter anger of her husband, who in a great fury drove her from her home.

She decided to travel to London and there seek for a divorce from her husband. Upon her arrival in the metropolis she obtained lodgings in a house near the Temple. One of the officials of the Chancery Court who was exceedingly zealous in his defense of the Catholic faith, hearing that Anne Askew was in that house, took a room in a house next door, in order that he might spy upon her and report upon her conduct to the ecclesiastical authorities. But the result was far different from what he expected, for he was compelled to report to Sir Lionel Throgmorton that she was the devotedest and godliest woman he had ever met, "for," said he, "at midnight she beginneth to pray and ceaseth not in many hours after."

Someone hearing her speak, in conversation, against the doctrine of transubstantiation reported her and she was arrested on March 12, 1545, and brought before Christopher Dare at the Salter's Hall. For the account of what happened at this and subsequent trials we are largely indebted to Anne Askew's own reports, but there is not the slightest reason to doubt their truth and sanity. Among other things she was asked at this examination what she thought about confession. "I answered him," she says, "my meaning which was, as St. James says, that every man ought to acknowledge his faults to other, and the one to pray for the other." He asked me if I and the Spirit of God in me. I answered, "If I had not I

was but a reprobate or eastaway."

Dare soon tired of questioning me so well versed in the scriptures as Anne and so sent her away to the Lord Mayor of London that she might be questioned of him. Here is a portion of the examination as reported by one of her enemies, a man called Strype:

Lord Mayor—The foolish woman, sayest thou that the priests cannot make the body of Christ?

Anne Askew—I say as my Lord, for I have read that God Made man, but that man can make God I never yet read, nor I suppose ever shall read.

Lord Mayor—No thou foolish woman; after the words of consecration it is not the Lord's body?

Anne Askew—No, it is but consecrated bread or sacramental bread.

Lord Mayor—What if a mouse shall eat it after consecration? What shall become of the mouse? What sayest thou, foolish woman?

Anne Askew—What shall become of her say YOU my Lord?

Lord Mayor—I say that that mouse is damned!

Anne Askew—Alack, poor mouse!

At this many in the court began to laugh at the Lord Mayor, and the only result of the examination was that Anne was taken to the Compter Prison, hall being refused.

While in prison no friend was permitted to visit her except her serving maid who obtained food for her mistress by begging upon the streets, but a crafty priest, pretending to be her friend, endeavored to entrap her by wordy arguments. However she refused to answer him, because as she said, "I perceive you come to tempt me." After she had been in prison eleven days, her cousin, Mr. Britayne, a staunch Catholic, went to the Bishop of London, Dr. Bonner, and after considerable delay she was released upon substantial bail. But before leaving the prison she was subjected to another examination by the Bishop and his Archdeacon in the presence of her cousin and other friends. The Bishop urged her to unbuckle her mind and tell them frankly what her faith and trust were. She boldly and nobly replied, "I believe as the Scripture doth teach me."

Bonner—Did you not say that the mass was "superstitious, wicked and no better than idolatry?"

Anne Askew—No, I said not so. Howbeit I say that the questioner Dare did ask me whether private mass did relieve departed souls or no? Unto whom then I answered, "O Lord! what idolatry is this that we should rather believe in private masses, than in the healthsome death of the dear Son of God."

Neither Bonner nor any other of her enemies was able to bring a charge against her private character, so at last the Bishop asked her to sign a document which he had drawn up, stating her faith in the real presence and in all the sacraments of the Church of Rome. But she refused to sign the document and then made answer "I believe as much thereof as the Holy Scripture doth agree unto wherfore I desire that ye will add that thereto." But this the Bishop refused to do and left the chamber in great haste.

She was afterward subjected to a sixth and last examination. She was asked to reveal the names of any whom she knew to be holding the Protestant faith, and also to give the names of those who had helped her with money and food while she was in prison. Both of these demands she refused, and explained that her maid-servant went out into the streets and begged for help from the apprentice lads and the passers-by.

"Then," she says, "they put me on the rack because I confessed no ladies or gentlemen to be of my opinion, and thereon they kept me a long while, and because I lay still and did not cry, my Lord Chancellor and Master Rich took pains to rack me with their own hands till I was nigh dead."

But that cruelty was not sufficient to satisfy the hard hearts of her persecutors, for after she was lodged from the rack she sat upon the cold stone floor TWO HOURS while the Lord Chancellor threatened and flattered and reasoned but all without success. She was sent to a house under careful guards and while there received word from the Lord Chancellor that if she would leave her opinion she should want for nothing. To this she replied that she would rather die than break her faith.

During the interval between her torture and her death Anne gave herself much to prayer. At last the day came for her to bear her final witness before men and to win the martyr's crown. Two weeks to walk because of the fearful racking she had endured, she was carried in a chair to the place of execution, and one who saw her said, "she had an angel's face and a smiling countenance." There was an enormous crowd gathered at Southfield to witness the terrible scene, and to listen to the sermon by the apostate Shaxton. After the sermon the Lord Chancellor sent to Anne the offer of the King's pardon if she would yet recant, but she steadfastly refused and with three others she was placed in the midst of the faggots, and the Lord Mayor having given the order for fire to be set to them, ere long she, with three others passed from this life to the great beyond.

Thus died in her twenty-fifth year the first woman martyr of England.

ROME IS "IT"

According to the latest advice—supposed to be duly recorded in the Roman Catholic encyclopedia—Columbus discovered America instead of one of the Bahamas; that Governor Dongan gave political liberty to New York in stead of the Hollanders; that Lord Baltimore blamed the way for the American Colonies to be free; instead of the Pilgrims; that the constitution of the United States was swiped from monks; that Franklin was a back number and the immortal Declaration of Independence had its origin in the punch bowl of a Catholic abbey. Whew! Just take the flag, while you are at it, and wrap all this Catholic history up with "Old Glory," sprinkle it with holy water and be done with it. Plymouth Rock has become the "blamey stone" and had its origin in Rome.

The curious thing about all these claims is that this knowledge has been held back and historians have purposely kept the people in ignorance and America is Catholic instead of Protestant (7).

But, sobriety, what is the meaning of such Catholic claims? Nothing in the world but to remove the stigma attached truthfully to Roman Catholic history. A frenzied desire, on the part of the hierarchy, has seized them to appear patriotic, progressive, learned, and at the front in the onward march of the race.

Fed on tradition in the church, these fellows begin to hunt around a start a tradition among the Benedictines. Do you suppose that Dr. Franklin would not have left evidence if he had been taught the things claimed by these Jesuits of today?

The whole thing is an attempt to appear sane in some other people's clothes.

These new discoveries of continents and constitutions always and on almost every occasion begin to tell how patriotic they have been; how Catholicism has been the promoter of constitutional liberty and democracy. If that is so, why do they have to proclaim their patriotism? If it is true, and the indubitable record of history, there is no need of a loud profession of loyalty to the flag every time they meet.

All these evidences that the Roman Catholic church is waking up to the awful truth that it has blocked the way of science, put out the light of education, clothed her people in rags and plotted against every reform government on earth.

The end of her power to torment the saints is at hand. Her threats and her boycott will fade away in the new dawn of a new day, when the last vestige of church and state will be wiped out in America and her schools and her press be free—and thoughts be spoken untrammelled as the sunlight, and as free as the air on the mountain tops.

## OUR PLATFORM

One day's experience in The Menace editorial room would cause the man riding a hobby, to hop off. He could not stay on. He would have to quit. No matter how much The Menace explains the platform and insists it is not a religious weekly nor is it agnostic or infidel, yet we are importuned to take up the discussion of these various people with very positive ideas and ability to state them.

The menace to this nation does not come from men who believe things strongly, who feel that they are right and to adopt their ideas of right would save the world, but comes from that man and combination of men who want to COMPEL men to believe by force rather than persuade men to accept their faith by argument.

All that truth wants is a fair chance and an open arena. With a free press, free public school, a free church in a free state, there is no possible chance for the tyranny of mind or body. This is our platform.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy is the only body of men in America that openly attempts to capture the state, oppose public schools, and denise the right of freedom of thought and action to the individual. Its past history proves it. Its present attitude in politics and its slogan uttered by its organized army, "Capture America for the pope," puts every true American on his guard, and sends him to the trenches to resist the old enemy of republics, and the hater of democracy.

## THE MENACE SUB CARDS

The Menace sub cards are U. S. postal cards, printed and all ready for mailing. Each card is good for one year's subscription to The Menace and it is the most convenient way yet devised for handling subscriptions. They can be had for 25 cents each in lots of four or more. Order sub cards and save postage and the work of correspondence.

## THE CLARK FUND.

Contributions to the Clark Fund since last report amount to twenty dollars. It will take a long time to raise a thousand dollars of fund before a week. May we ask you to send a dollar, or half a dollar, or even a quarter, and help this nation of truth, light and liberty fight its own against the darkness of darkness through every court in the calendar, that be necessary to secure justice. The Catholics are already working over his conviction, and blindly assert that they have sufficient control of the machinery of government that they can use it to crush all opposition. Let us bring this giant back into their hands and show them that the spirit of Americanism is not dead, and that we are not yet ready to surrender to the Italian bigot who seeks to control the political and religious destinies of this country from the banks of the Tiber.

The contributions since last report together with the total, follow below:

Previously acknowledged	\$45.00
W. R. Edmunds, Calif.	1.00
Joe Laing, Iowa	1.00
Fried, Tonawanda, N. Y.	1.00
Mrs. P. Maguire, Mich	1.00
W. P. Hill, Wash.	1.00
L. S. Mendenhall, Ohio	1.00
Smith & Stearns, Ia.	4.00
Fried, Milwaukee, Wis.	1.00
Geo. Baxle, New Jersey	1.00
Fried, Muskegon, Mich.	1.00
Total	\$59.00

## LITTLE BOOK CHATS.

The Menace book publishers are a discriminating bunch and always on the lookout for something good, and we are trying our best to satisfy them.

A big shipment of "WHY FRIENDS SHOULD WED" came in last week and the accumulated orders were filled at once. This is the book that Romanism hates and the Catholics have tried so hard to suppress. Orders are coming in at a rapid rate, but we are well stocked and able to take care of the orders in good shape.

By looking at our regular book list you will notice that we have been able to add that valuable masterpiece, "FOUR BOOKS OF MARTYRS." No student should be without this valuable history of the falsehood, aggressiveness and intolerance of Romanism. The publishers are overstocked on a new edition and we are able to put this great book on the market for the very low price of \$1.25.

That old staple product of Bernard Freemanberg, entitled, "THIRTY YEARS IN RELL," still holds the footlights as a good seller. We have stocked up on this book expecting a good sale for the winter. Heretofore the orders have gone to the publishers, but we are now able to mail them direct and thus get them in our customers' hands. Keep your eye on the book list which appears each week, as new additions are made from time to time.

Nothing makes a slier Christmas present than a good book. Let us have your order early and we can get them to their destination at the proper time.

The writer wishes to say that he has just read "THE GENIUS OF FREEMASONRY," by J. D. Duck, and considers it of his kind he has ever read. Every intelligent American would do well to read it, but every Freemason should have it by all means. It ought to be made a handbook for every day use, for it contains the accumulated wisdom of the ages on the vital subjects which are presented in The Menace from time to time. This is not a sensational book made to peddle amongst the rabble, but it is designed for students and those who thirst for wisdom. The price is only \$1.40 and we can supply them on short notice.

## A CLEAN SWEEP COMBINATION

The Menace's book business is growing rapidly and we are stocking up with new lines every week. To make room for new books we are going to reduce our stock of the old reliable pamphlets and paper covered books on which we have had an enormous sale from the start. In order to do this we have made up a "Clean Sweep Combination" that takes in practically all of the "old timers," eight in number, and we are offering the lot at a price that should move them quickly. Here they are:

Crimes of Priests	\$ .10
The Priest in Absolution	.. 25
Secret Instructions of the Jesuits	.. 25
Sister Lucy and Her Awful Disclosures	.. 25
Priestly Calibany Exposed	.. 25
Priest and Woman	.. 25
Roman Oaths and Papal Curses	.. 25
The Devil's Prayer Book	.. 25
Total	\$1.50

The prices quoted above are the regular selling prices of all these books, and if you have never sold them, but if you order the combination you can have the whole lot for \$1.25. Order the "Clean Sweep Combination."

Romanism is like a hyena—it will ransack a grave to feed upon the dead.

- Do not lay your paper down.
- Do not throw it away.
- Read it.
- Pass it on.
- Remember it.
- "Tis the "Light from the North Church."
- Be a Paul Revere.
- Waken the neighbors.
- Call out the minute men.
- Get subscriptions.
- The battle is yours.
- Be a PATRIOT.
- BE AN AMERICAN.